

**Notice of Public Hearing**  
**Town of Amherst**  
**2011 CDBG funds**

The Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has designated the Town of Amherst a Mini-Entitlement Community for the purpose of receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Amherst is eligible to receive a maximum of \$1,000,000 in block grant funds for housing and community development and social service activities benefiting low- and moderate-income citizens. In accordance with DHCD regulations the Community Development Committee will hold a Public Hearing on November 10, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. in the First Floor Meeting Room of Amherst Town Hall to inform the Amherst community of proposed activities to be included in the Town's 2011 Mini-Entitlement CDBG application.

The following activities and project areas may be included in the Amherst's application for 2011 CDBG. The Community Development Committee will be reviewing and discussing proposals for social service and non-social service activities on November 1, 2010, therefore additional activities may be identified and discussed at the public hearing on November 10, 2010, to be included in the Town's 2011 CDBG application.

Project Areas may include Amherst Village Centers and in-fill development based on the Master Plan and the Community Development Strategy.

**Non Social Service Activities may include but are not limited to:**

Infrastructure in the East Amherst Village Center to include street improvements, sidewalk repair, road paving, bus stop modifications and other improvements as required and eligible.

Purchase of land in South Amherst for affordable housing purposes

Housing Production Plan to assess affordable housing needs in Amherst

Feasibility Study for Affordable Housing on East Pleasant Street in the Town Center

**Social Service Activities may include but are not limited to:**

Funding for continuation of the an Emergency Shelter for Homeless individuals

Emergency Assistance for housing or fuel emergencies  
Other services based on the Community Development Committee's priorities that include:

- Homelessness and sheltering
- Education: outreach and advocacy
- Mental health services
- Emergency & preventive services: rental, food, fuel, shelter and transitional assistance.

The agencies providing services will be identified at the time of the hearing.

### **Grant Administration**

General administration and expenses.

**Any person or organization wishing to be heard will be afforded an opportunity. Reasonable accommodations will be attempted upon written request to the Selectmen's office two weeks prior to the meeting. Written comments may be submitted to the Community Services Department ([community@amherstma.gov](mailto:community@amherstma.gov)) or for more information or call (413) 259-3117.**

**The Town of Amherst encourages the involvement of minority business enterprises and women's business enterprises.**